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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director/OSA

SUBJECT: Project ARGON  
Follow-on Program

1. IN cable 37335 dated 30 November 1982 from the NAO to SSB, info OSA, indicates that the DNRO has expressed interest in a follow on to Project ARGON. DNRO has directed "Director, Program 162" to evaluate the proposal and prepare a presentation for DNRO. It is further noted that the cable indicated that if this new program is approved, "it would be managed in the same manner as LANYARD."

2. Since, undoubtedly, this Branch will have operational security responsibility for this new program it is felt essential that we be kept informed from the outset as to the developing nature of the program. Noting that the DNRO is interested in launch at the end of the summer of the calendar year 1983, it is imperative that Security be apprised soonest as to the scope of Security clearances which will be required, the companies which will participate in the program, the management and operational concept.

3. As soon as the position of the Agency with regard to this proposed system is defined, this Branch would appreciate being apprised.

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Chief, Security Branch  
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